

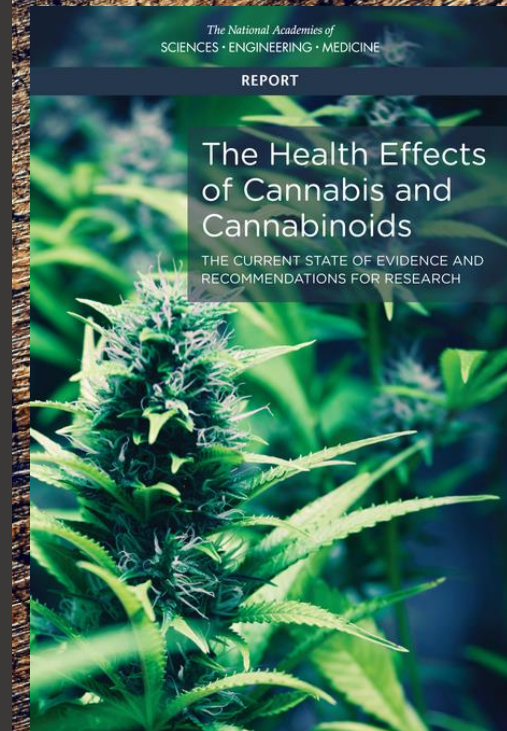


Drug Free Australia series –
Media suppression of alarming cannabis harms

Episode 10 – Cannabis and suicide

The science

- The most authoritative 2017 review on cannabis
 - a review of reviews
 - covering all medical journal studies
 - enormous review panel
 - 16 scientists, professors and epidemiologists
 - 15 reviewers of similar qualification
 - many of the reviewers very pro-cannabis
 - the National Institutes of Health has a background of liberal bias on drug policy before the science is 'in' eg needle exchange programs



<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK423845/>

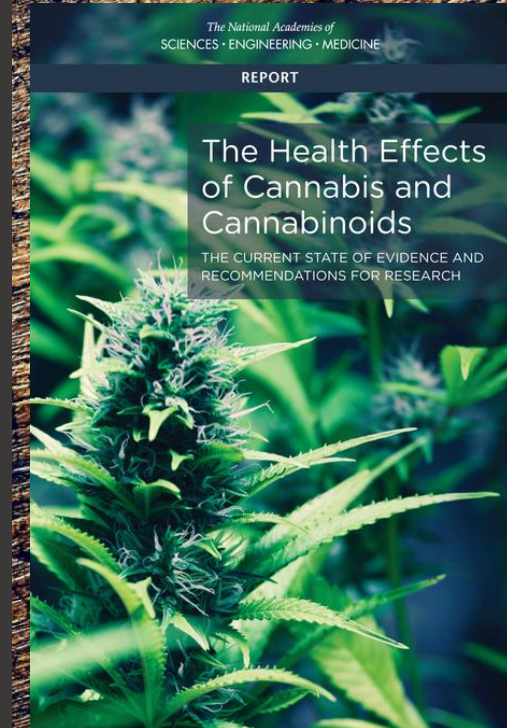
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25121230/>



The science

- Their conclusion on suicidal ideation and attempts

“12-7(a) There is moderate evidence of a statistical association between cannabis use and increased incidence of suicidal ideation and suicide attempts, with a higher incidence among heavier users.”



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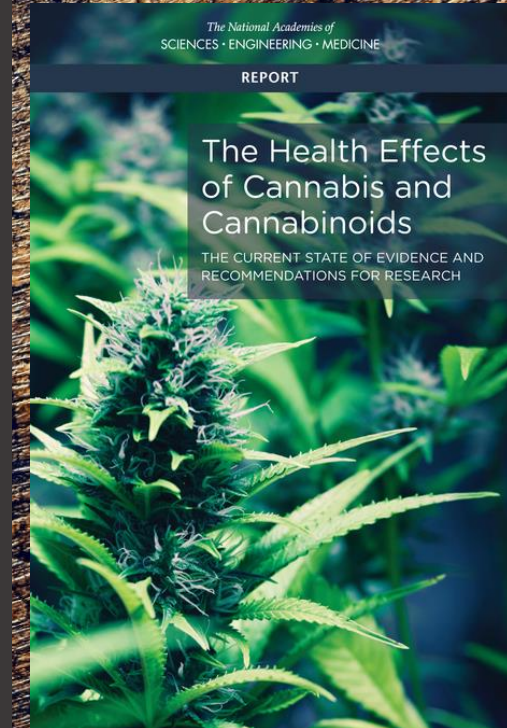


The science

- On suicidal completion

“12-7(b) There is moderate evidence of a statistical association between cannabis use and increased incidence of suicide completion.”

“However, there are several limitations, including that suicidality was only assessed in participants who reported a 2-week period of depressed mood or anhedonia, **so the results might underestimate the effect** for those that have suicidal ideation or suicide attempts without these symptoms.”

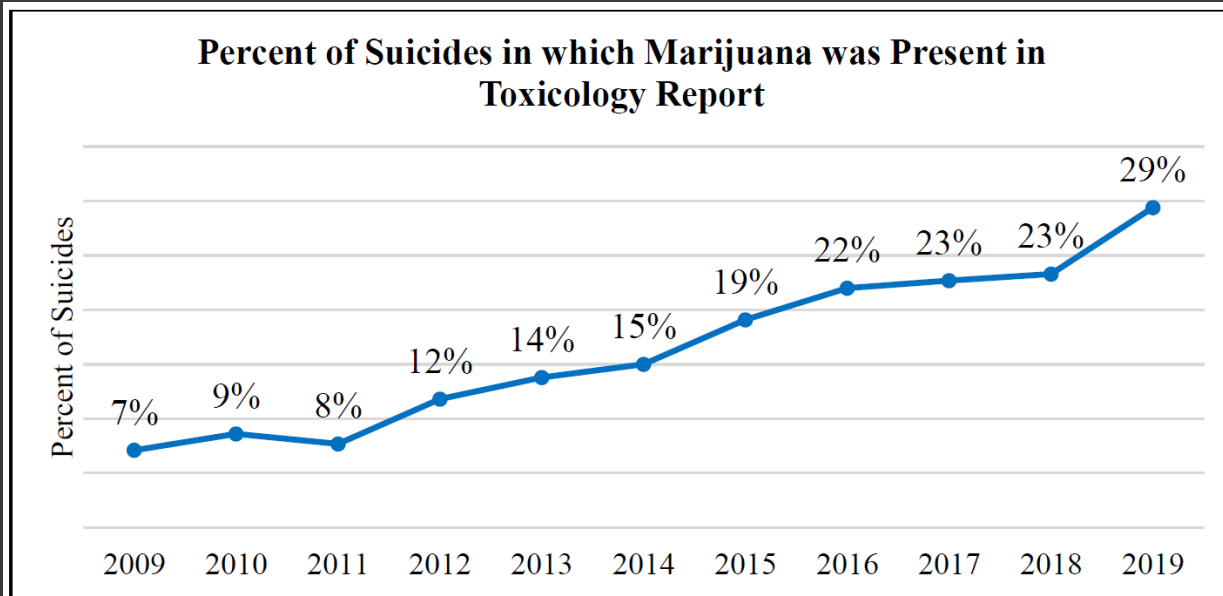


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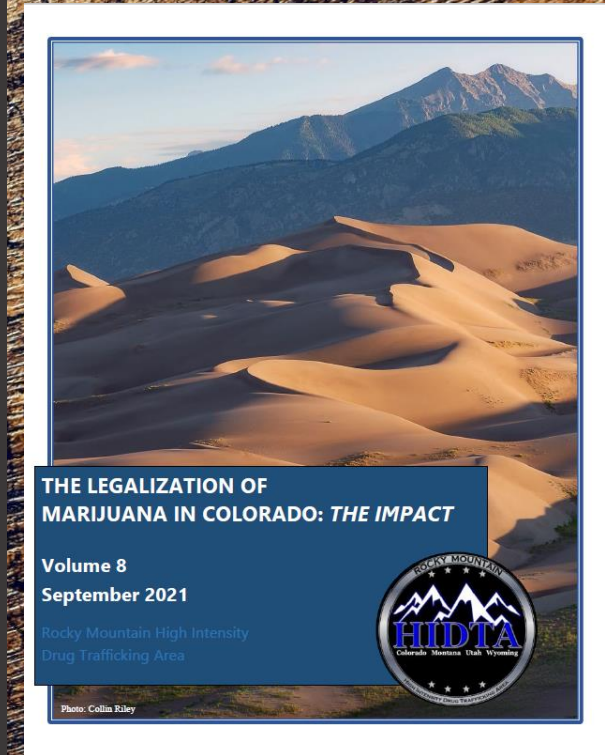


Population data

- The results of Colorado's cannabis legalisation
 - 322% increase in suicides since 2009 commercialisation of cannabis for medical use



SOURCE: CDPHE, Colorado Violent Death Reporting System



<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34924618/>



Next episode

- **More detail in future episodes:**

- Cannabis and cancer
- Cannabis and birth defects
- Cannabidiol (CBD), cancer and birth defects
- Cannabis and pain
- Cannabis and driving
- Hemp and psychoactive metabolites
- Cannabis and psychosis
- Cannabis and violence/homicide
- Cannabis and suicide
- **Cannabis – its other harms**

